Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Dec 2024 at 15:11

Confidence: Medium for the detail of low tracking east through the south of the United Kingdom later Wednesday. High for a showery, colder northwesterly flow for Thursday, then lowering from Friday for the transitional detail as fronts then troughs cross from the east.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024: Early summit severe gales to storm force winds. Rain clearing around mid-morning, before returning from west from mid-afternoon, with snow across higher peaks.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	90%	70%	10%	50%	90%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Weather: Overcast overnight and early morning with rain turning heavier at times. This clears as largely dry and occasionally bright conditions feed from the west mid-morning. Cloud building from the west from noon, with rain returning from mid-afternoon, this turning wintry across highest summits during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 10% becoming 60% from late morning, lowering 10% again from mid-afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases extensive from 500m at first, lifting and breaking from mid-morning, before lowering again from the southwest later in the day

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Forecast for Wednesday 18 Dec 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	38/50 SW	42/57 SW	40/54 SW	30/41 W	23/32 SW	17/24 SW	14/20 S	15/23 NW	20/28 NW
300	21/44 SW	26/51 SW	25/49 SW	18/36 W	15/28 SW	9/19 SW	6/13 SE	10/19 W	10/22 NW
Valley	17/39 SW	21/46 SW	22/47 SW	17/35 W	13/27 W	7/17 SW	6/14 SE	10/22 W	10/23 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	10/5	10/4	8/3	7/2	7/3	7/3	7/3	6/2	2/-4
300	12/8	11/7	10/6	10/6	10/7	9/7	8/7	8/5	4/1
Valley	12/9	12/8	11/7	10/7	11/8	10/8	9/8	8/6	5/2
Freezing Level*	2200m	2200m	2200m	1800m	1600m	1800m	2000m	1600m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very difficult conditions early morning, also later in the day.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Tue 17 Dec 2024	0.8mm	3.8mm	5.6mm

Forecast for Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Weather: Opening with frequent showers, some heavy with the risk of hail and thunder in western areas of the park and a snow level 600-700m. Outbreaks easing from noon to leave a largely dry afternoon with good spells of weak winter sunshine.

Maximum wind: Northwest 25-30mph with gusts reaching 50mph across more exposed ridges and summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 50% becoming 90% for the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Very good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases quite extensive from 600m at first, lifting and breaking from mid-morning

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius for the afternoon
At 600m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 800m

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